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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4358

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

S E C R E T PHNOM PENH 14557

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HYPERINFLATION IN CAMBODIA-CAMBODIA-THAILAND

TRADE FLOWS

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1. AGREE THAT TIME HAS COME TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT PHNOM PENH-BATTAMBANG-THAILAND TRADE FLOWS.

2. WE CAN PROVIDE A KHMER SPEAKING OFFICER FOR 10 DAY PERIOD, BUT HE WILL NOT HAVE ECONOMICS. HOPE-FULLY AMEMBASSY BANGKOK COULD SUPPLY LATER. BOTH MEN SHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE POL-MIL OFFICER RESIDENT IN BATTAMBANG.

3. AS YOU NO DOUBT RECOGNIZE, THE FANK'S INABILITY TO REOPEN ROUTE 5 AT ANY EARLY TIME, THE DIFFICULTIES OF CONTROLLING AN INCREASINGLY AUTONOMOUS PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION FROM PHNOM PENH, AND THE GROWING SECURITY PROBLEMS IN BATTAMBANG (ON WHICH WE HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED IN ANOTHER CHANNEL) MEAN THAT ANY RELIEF TO BE OBTAINED FROM BATTAMBANG PROVINCE TO CAMBODIA'S URGENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL BE MARGINAL AT BEST.

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4. THUS THE REQUIRED INTER-AGENCY REVIEW AND  
DECISION ON FUNDING SHOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, BE  
HELD UP PENDING THE BATTAMBANG INQUIRY.  
ENDERS

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